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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Congressional Hearing on Computer Security

1. The Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs has announced hearings on the subject of computer security in the Federal Government. Discussions with appropriate Subcommittee staff indicate that the hearings will be open to the public and will have as their principal focus "breaking into computers for unwarranted purposes." The Subcommittee will use as its starting point a report, yet to be published, by the President's Council on Integrity and Efficiency, which is comprised of Inspector Generals from selected federal agencies (not including the CIA.) Said Council has purportedly compiled information on unauthorized use of federal computer systems as well as out right break-ins, a-la the recent movie "War Games." The outcome of the hearings, now scheduled for 25 and 26 October 1983, will be a formal report and draft legislation if such proves from the hearings to be warranted.

2. Subcommittee staff expressed interest in incorporating "a national security perspective" into these hearings and asked if the CIA Director of Security would be willing to participate. I responded that he would not be in any position to respond until he was in receipt of the above-mentioned and yet-to-be-issued report and also in receipt of a detailed hearing agenda. That was acceptable and the staff agreed to contact me when said information was available, in any event not later than early October 1983.

3. I will stay in contact with the Congressional staff and continue to report as appropriate.

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